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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE:

APPLICATION OF : David E. Patterson & Richard D. Cramer  
TITLE : Computer-implemented Method of Merging  
Libraries of Molecules Using Validated Molecular  
Structural Descriptors and Neighborhood  
Distances to Maximize Diversity and Minimize  
Redundancy  
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TO: Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)**

Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time from April 14, 2005 to July 14, 2005 to file a response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2005 setting a shortened statutory period of three months. A check in the amount of \$510.00 for the three month extension fee is attached.

July 14, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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